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1. SINCE MARCH OF LAST YEAR, THE MONTONEROS AND ERP HAVE SUFFERED HEAVY PERSONNEL LOSSES AS A RESULT OF GOA ACTION AGAINST THEM. THIS HAS ALSO WEAKENED PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES. CONSEQUENTLY, TERRORISTS HAVE REPORTEDLY SHIFTED THEIR TACTICS FROM LARGE SCALE OPERATIONS SUCH AS KIDNAPPING AND HOLDING FOR RANSOM AND MAJOR ATTACKS ON GOA INSTALLATIONS, TO ASSASSINATIONS AND BOMBINGS AND SMALL SCALE ASSAULTS ON POLICE UNITS. POLICE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THE TERRORISTS NO LONGER HAVE THE LOGISTIC CAPABILITY TO LAUNCH MAJOR OPERATIONS AND CONSEQUENTLY HAVE BECOME MORE SELECTIVE AND CAREFUL IN TARGETING MISSIONS TO REDUCE LOSSES AND TO ENSURE SUCCESS.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN NO RECENT ATTACKS ON U.S. OR FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ALTHOUGH AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS REFLECT THAT THE MONTONEROS HAD COMPILED LISTS OF U.S. MISSION PERSONNEL FOR POSSIBLE TARGETING. INSPITE OF THIS, MANY MEMBERS OF THE U.S. AND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY BELIEVE THAT THE TERRORISTS WILL AVOID INITIATING ANY ACTION AGAINST DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY BECAUSE IT WOULD UNDERMINE THEIR RECENT EFFORTS TO OBTAIN

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INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. THERE IS LIMITED INTELLIGENCE TO SUPPORT THIS CONCLUSION. HOWEVER, THIS EVALUATION CANNOT BE CONSIDERED CONCLUSIVE. MONTONEROS, ERP OR OTHER DISSIDENT ELEMENTS MIGHT STRIKE AGAINST A POLITICALLY SUITABLE SOFT TARGET TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY ARE STILL A VIABLE FORCE IN THE LOCAL POLITICAL STRUCTURE.

3. THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE WATER CONFERENCE AT MAR DEL PLATA MIGHT PROVIDE SUCH A TARGET OPPORTUNITY. THEREFORE, SECURITY ARRANGMENTS MUST REFLECT THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME SORT OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY. THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF THREAT WOULD PROBABLY BE AT THE HERMITAGE HOTEL WHERE ALL MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE HOUSED. THIS WOULD PRESENT AN IDEAL TARGET FOR A BOMB THREAT OR OTHER SORT OF ATTACK. CONSEQUENTLY, A TWO-TIER SECURITY APPROACH WILL BE TAKEN. ONE, TO PROVIDE STRICT SCRUTINY OF THE AREA AROUND THE HERMITAGE HOTEL AND AN INSPECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF ALL PERSONS AND PARCELS ENTERING THE HOTEL AND, SECONDLY AN INCONSPICUOUS BLENDING WITH THE OTHER NON-U.S. MEMBERS OF THE WATER CONFERENCE DELEGATION OUTSIDE OF THE HOTEL AREA.

4. BROWN SECURITY SERVICE, PRESENTLY UNDER CONTRACT TO THE U.S. EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES, WILL PROVIDE 18 EX-POLICE OR-MILITARY OFFICERS TO ASSIST IN SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DELEGATES AT THE HERMITAGE HOTEL. LOCAL SECURITY PERSONNEL, ASSISTED BY SECURITY OFFICERS, WILL SCREEN PERSONS ENTERING THE HOTEL SITE TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE BONA FIDE OFFICIALS OR VISITORS. THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION, VERY SENIOR OFFICIALS AND THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WILL BE PROVIDED WITH ONE BODYGUARD TO ACT AS ESCORT WHILE IN MAR DEL PLATA. THE HEAD OF THE DELGATION WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A SECURITY VEHICILE FOR TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE REQUESTED TO UTILIZE LOCAL CAB SERVICE WITH SCREENED AND APPROVED DRIVERS.

5. THE TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICER WILL BE REQUESTED TO BRING A PORTABLE X-RAY MACHINE TO SCREEN PACKAGES ENTERING THE HERMITAGE AREA. TEN COMMUNICATIONS UNITS WILL BE PROVIDED BY AMEMBASSY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUENOS AIRES TO BE USED BY LOCAL SECURITY BRIEFINGS TO ALL U.S. PARTICIPANTS AT THE CONFERENCE AND SECURITY OFFICERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A 24-HOUR BASIS TO HANDLE ANY PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT ARISE. BASED ON PRESENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE, WE SEE NO NEED FOR UTILIZATION OF PPSU PERSONNEL OR U.S. BODYGUARDS FOR MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION.

6. ADDITIONALLY, RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN BUENOS AIRES AND MAR DEL PLATA. IF POSSIBLE, THESE COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE INTEGRATED INTO THE PRESENT SY NET WHICH IS MONITORED ON A 24-HOUR BASIS AND HAS PHONE PATCH CAPABILITY. RCO SHOULD MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGMENTS.

7. THE FOLLOWING SECURITY POSTING IS REQUIRED:

PERSONNEL	HOURS	TOTAL MEN
GUARD SUPERVISOR	24	3
POST #1 (GROUND FLOOR HERMITAGE)	24	3

POST #2 (1ST FLOOR

HERMITAGE) 24 3

POST #3 (SUITE-PROVINCIAL) 24 3

ESCORTS ARE REQUIRED TO ESCORT EACH PRINCIPAL WHEN OUTSIDE
OF CONTROLLED AREA.

HEAD OF DELEGATION 1

DEPUTY HEAD 1

4 CONGRESSMEN 1

TOTAL PERSONNEL 18

TWO SY/PRS AGENTS WITH SPANISH-SPEAKING ABILITY SHOULD
BE PROVIDED TO SUPERVISE GUARD FORCE AND COORDINAGE WITH
LOCAL SECURITY AS NEEDED.

8. ESTIMATED COST FOR LOCAL SECURITY FOR 16-DAY PERIOD:

GUARD SALARY \$5500

GUARD SUBSISTENCE \$15000

GUARD TRAVEL \$1000

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CHAUFFEUR PER DIEM \$1600

TOTAL \$23,300

ESTIMATED GUARD COSTS ARE BASED ON A 16-DAY PERIOD.

8. THREE VEHICLES WITH DRIVER WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE EMBASSY
FOR THE CONFERENCE: ONE FOR CHIEF DELEGATE AND TWO FOR SECURITY/
ADMIN USE.

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